THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI RAMESH BAIS): (a) to (c) While an Extension Centre of Central Institute of Plastics Engineering and Technology (CIPET) is already operational at Imphal in Manipur, during the period of the 9th Five Year Plan, Extension Centres of CIPET are being set up at Haldia in West Bengal, Patna in Bihar and Guwahati in Assam.

Bill for Indian Fertilizer Industry

3422. SHRI VED PRAKASH P. GOYAL: Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are contemplating to draft a comprehensive Bill for simplying the working of Indian Fertilizer Industry;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether draft of the said Bill has since been finalised; and

(d) by when the same is likely to be introduced in Parliament and if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI RAMESH BAIS): (a) No, Sir.

(b) to (d) Questions do not arise.

Antibiotics factory of IDPL at Rishikesh

3423. SHRI CM. IBRAHIM: Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the antibiotics factory of IDPL at Rishikesh has been lying closed since 1996;

(b) if so, the reasons therefore;

(c) the annual estimated loss due to the closure; and

(d) the steps taken and being taken for reopening and reviving the factory?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI RAMESH BAIS): (a) The operations in the plant of IDPL,

Rishikesh are closed since October, 1996, except for some limited production of formulations.

(b) IDPL, Rishikesh is one of the units of IDPL, which is a sick company referred to the Board for Industrial and Financial Reconstruction (BIFR).

(c) The losses for the last two years of IDPL, Rishikesh are as under:

Rs. Crores

1998-1999	75.13
1999-2000	83.70 (Provisional)

(d)The future of the company would be determined by the proceedings and final decision of the BIFR.

Replacement cost of IPCL assets

3424. SHRI DIPANKAR MUKHERJEE: Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to refer to answer to Starred Question 135 given in the Rajya Sabha on 3rd March, 2000 and state:

(a) whether the process of assessment of replacement cost of fixed assets of IPCL has been completed;

(b) if so, the estimated replacement cost; and

(c) if not, the reasons for delay in assessment of the replacement cost?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI RAMESH BAIS): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise, in view of (a) above.

(c) The process of assessment of the replacement cost is a part of the ongoing process of disinvestment of 25% equity through strategic sale in Indian Petrochemicals Corporation Limited (IPCL).

Use of banned pesticides

† 3425. SHRI JANESHWAR MISHRA: Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state:

† Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.